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SUBJ: R/V ALPHA HELIX JOINT MARINE BIOLOGICAL
EXPEDITION

REF: STATE 031239

1. SHIP CLEARANCE FOR R/V ALPHA HELIX INITIATED
WITH GOI AUTHORITIES ON 11 FEBRUARY. IF NO COMPLICA-
TIONS ARISE, EXPECT APPROVAL IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

2. INFO REF TELEGRAM CONVEYED 12 FEB TO LIPI (MR.
HAINAL, IN MISS SJAMSIAH ACHMAD'S OFFICE). LIPI HAS
ALREADY INITIATED ACTION WITH IMMIGRATION SERVICE ON
THOSE NAMES PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED, WITH EXCEPTION OF
THE EIGHT DROPOUTS. LIPI WILL SUBMIT THOSE NAMES TO
IMMIGRATION, LESS THE BUCK FAMILY AND MR. LAUGHLIN.
NAMES OF MESSRS FORHAN AND SCHNEIDER WILL BE ADDED.
LIPI UNCERTAIN WHETHER IMMIGRATION WILL AUTHORIZE
ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO PERSONNEL NOT YET ISSUED CLEARANCES
BECAUSE CURRICULUM VITAE NOT RECEIVED AND PROCESSED. LIPI
INQUIRING, BUT FIFTY-FIFTY CHANCE THERE WILL BE DELAY. THE
MATTER OF SECURITY IS OUT OF LIPI'S CONTROL, AND LIPI WILL
HAVE TO ABIDE BY DECISION OF HIGHER AUTHORITY. IF
CLEARANCES REQUIRED, DOUBTFUL THAT NEWEST PERSONNEL WILL RECEIVE
VISAS PRIOR 18 MARCH. WILL ADVISE DETAILS WHEN AVAILABLE FROM
LIPI.

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3. RE DR. SHIAO-CHUU TU, LIPI WILL INQUIRE OF IMMIGRATION SERVICE WHETHER RESIDENT ALIEN STATUS IN U.S. WILL ASSIST IN OBTAINING VISA. IF HE IS CARRYING A TAIWAN PASSPORT, HIS CHANCES MAY NOT BE HIGH. LIPI SEES NO PROBLEM WITH DR. POLUNIN.

4. INDICATION OF PROBLEMS OF LOCAL BUREAUCRACY THIS EXPEDITION, IS REPEATED EXPRESSED CONCERN OF LIPI AS TO WHO WILL PAY FOR THE COST OF THE TELEX AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE VISAS, THAT MUST BE SENT TO THE INDONESIAN EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON, CANBERRA, AND LONDON. LIPI HAS NO FUNDS FOR THIS EXPENSE, AND APPARENTLY NEITHER DOES IMMIGRATION. EMBASSY OFFICER SUGGESTED INDONESIAN DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD BE THE PROPER CHANNEL. LIPI REPRESENTATIVE LOOKED DOUBTFUL. THE NORMAL WAY WOULD BE TO POUCH THE AUTHORIZATION, WHICH WOULD ADD WEEKS TO THE WAITING TIME. IF SPEED IS IMPORTANT SOMEBODY MUST PAY. EMBASSY SUGGESTS PROFESSOR CASE BE ALERTED TO FACT HE MAY HAVE TO GUARANTEE PAYMENT OF THE TELEX, WHICH AT FIRST LIPI ESTIMATE WILL RUN TO ABOUT U.S. \$9.60 PER PERSON. LIPI INQUIRING AND EMBASSY WILL ADVISE IF PROFESSOR CASE'S FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED.
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